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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
FORMALDEHYDE

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Examiner: S.A. Witherspoon

**AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2007, please amend the above identified application as follows.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-36 (Canceled)

37. (new) A process for preparing formaldehyde by gas-phase oxidation of methanol vapor by means of a gas stream comprising molecular oxygen in the presence of a fixed-bed catalyst comprising iron and molybdenum, wherein the process is carried out in a reactor having heat-exchange plates which are arranged in the longitudinal direction of the reactor and have a spacing between them and through which a heat transfer medium flows,